Saliva Test for Determination of Drunken Drivers

2048. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Balloon Test, to determine if someone is driving under the influence of alcohol, is not admissible in court;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce Saliva Test to determine drunken drivers; and

(c) if so, by when an amendment to 'Motor Vehicles Act' to this effect is likely to be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 does not prescribe any balloon test to determine drunken driving. As such the question of its admissibility in Court does not arise.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Trends in Sickness of SSIS

2049. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidence of sickness amongst Small Scale Industries is on the increase;

(b) the trends in the sickness of Small Scale Industries during the last three years; and

(c) the number of labourers suffered due to sickness in Small Scale Industries and the details of the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the data compiled by the Reserve Bank of